

Public Hearing

Commissioners' Court

July 24, 2000 8:30 a.m.

Members of the Court Present:

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| Jack Leath | County Judge |
| Keith Clark | Commissioner Pct. #1 |
| Lynn Smith | Commissioner Pct. #2 |
| Doyle Dickerson | Commissioner Pct. #3 |
| Gene Nethery | Commissioner Pct. #4 |
| Janice McDaniel | County Clerk |

Agenda item #1-Discuss and Possible Take Action – Testimony For and Against Marjorie Williams Drive as a Public Road

Judge Leath asked that everyone present that they identify themselves for the record when they start to speak.

Marjorie Williams said she lives on the Marjorie Williams Drive. There has been a lock put on the gate East of her property, which goes into the other family's property. We would like for the lock to be removed so everyone can still go into the property. A key has been offered but they would have to unlock the gate to go into the property.

Judge Leath said for clarification, the road in question runs from highway 96 and connects with FS road #114.

Mr. L. T. Brewster said he is the one that put the lock on the gate. To start with, his sister Marjorie called him and told him that she had came to the Court and had a road killed. The road went to the Bradshaw place. He said he did not think this was right. When he went back up there, the gate was closed to his sister-in-laws property and there was posted signs. After several weeks he was back up there and a man asked him what he was doing on the property. He said he took the lock off of the sawmill and put it on the gate. He said Marjorie shut the gate and put a chain around it and put up posted signs. She was letting friends of hers go in there and hunt. When a friend of hers challenged him about why he was out there, then he put the lock on the gate. The road should be open. Marjorie should leave it alone. All those old roads should be open. He said he is for the road being open.

A presented a picture to the Court of the gate. He said she took her signs down off the gate. He said there are 2 more fences across there. Where it leaves our property and crosses the Lee Smith property and also there is a gate at the McElroy Cemetery. He said his brother put up one fence but he doesn't know who put the other one up. He said the lock that he put on the gate was cut off by the REA and they put a lock of their own on the gate.

Commissioner Smith said the gate is no longer at the cemetery. He said he has widened and improved that road. He asked if Lee Smith had been notified of this hearing.

The Clerk said Ronald L. Smith was notified by certified mail and a response was received from Mr. Smith. It was determined that Ronald L. Smith and Lee Smith are the same person.

Judge Leath read the response from Mr. Smith and Vera Jeannine Smith to the Court and everyone present. Mr. Smith and Vera J. Smith said they are against any locked gate across "Marjorie Williams Drive" which is a public road. They are for the road being open. See attached copy.

Judge Leath read the response received from J. G. Woods. Mr. Woods said he supports open access to the roads existing in this area. See attached copy.

Mr. Brewster asked if this is the only road that is going to be discussed or if we are going to talk about the Bradshaw road that she has already had closed.

Judge Leath told Mr. Bradshaw that this road is the only one on the agenda. There will have to be another agenda for any other roads.

Commissioner Dickerson said the Bradshaw road Mr. Brewster is talking about is in precinct 3 and he doesn't know anything about that road has been closed.

Keith Stevens with Temple-Inland said this would benefit them and would be for the Marjorie Williams Drive being open.

Judge Leath said it appears to him that the landowners are all in agreement that the lock should be removed and the road known as "Marjorie Williams Drive" be reaffirmed as a public road from highway 96 to it's intersection with FS road #114.

Judge Leath moved to reaffirm that described road as a public road. Commissioner Dickerson seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

Judge Leath declared the public hearing adjourned.

Paul Luby

COUNTY JUDGE

Keith Clark

COMMISSIONER PCT. #1

Lynn Smith

COMMISSIONER PCT. #2

Douglas Dickerson

COMMISSIONER PCT. #3

J. G. Gresser

COMMISSIONER PCT. #4

ATTEST:

Janice McDaniel

COUNTY CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing of the Sabine County Commissioners' Court has been called by Jack Leath, Judge, Sabine County, Texas to hear testimony for and against the affirmation of "Marjorie Williams Drive" as a public road. The hearing is scheduled for July 24, 2000 at 8:30 a.m. All interested parties are requested to file a public participation form with the County Clerk before the scheduled hearing.

**Janice McDaniel
Sabine County Clerk of Court**

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**J. G. Woods
100 Beech Dr.
Lumberton, TX 77657
(409) 755-4119**

July 15, 2000

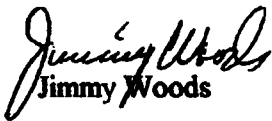
**Janice McDaniel
Sabine County Clerk
P. O. Box 580
Hemphill, Texas 75948-0580**

Ref: 7/24/00 Public Hearing on Marjorie Williams Drive

I will be unable to attend the hearing at the Sabine County Commissioner's Courtroom on 7/24/00. I own the property next to Marjorie Williams (AB 39 James McKim Survey).

I support open access to the roads existing in this area. All property owners should have open access to their property. Locked gates should not be allowed on roads that have been open for several generations.

Regards,


Jimmy Woods

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County of Sabine

P.O. Box 720
Hemphill, Texas 75948

Jack H. Leath, County Judge

Commissioners

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SABINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Public Participation Form

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: Ronald Lee + Vera Jeannine Smith

HOME ADDRESS: 8420 Lofland Drive

Houston, Texas 77055

HOME TELEPHONE: (713) 465-7161

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Burns, DeMatte, Mc Coy, Inc.

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: (713) 861-3016

Do you represent any particular group or organization? No

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address? _____

Marjorie Williams Dr.

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

For it being a public road.

Signature: Ronald Lee Smith

Vera Jeannine Smith

NOTE: This Public Participation Form must be presented to the County Clerk prior to the time that the agenda item (or items) you wish to address are discussed before the Court.

PHONE (409) 787-3543

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Commissioners'
Sabine County

July 18, 2000

Gentlemen,

We are writing in reference to the "Marjorie Williams Drive" hearing on July 24, 2000 at 8:30 AM in Sabine County Commissioners' Courtroom.

We are property owners in the immediate area of the said drive. We are very much against any locked gate across "Marjorie Williams Drive" which is a public road. Any gate or chain would block us from having access to our property. Also, if the road is closed & not used it will grow up so it cannot be used. This will cause undue hardship on every property owner.

Sincerely,
Ronald Lee Smith
Tina J. Smith

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Jack H. Leath, County Judge

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Gene Methery

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Precinct #4

SABINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Public Participation Form

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: Marjorie Williams

HOME ADDRESS: Box 337

Pineburg, Tex.

HOME TELEPHONE: 584-2104

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: _____

Do you represent any particular group or organization? _____

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Marjorie Williams Ave.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address? _____

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Against lock on gate

Signature: Marjorie Williams

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SABINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Public Participation Form

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: Jerry Brewster

HOME ADDRESS: Rt. 3 Box 129

Kirbyville, TEXAS 75946

HOME TELEPHONE: 409-423-3084

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Retired Teacher

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: _____

Do you represent any particular group or organization? No

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address? _____

*Public Hearing
July 4, 2000
8:30 A.M.*
The Affirmation of "Marjorie Williams Drive" AS A public road

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

I AM FOR "MARJORIE WILLIAMS DRIVE" AS A public road.

Signature: Jerry Brewster

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The State Of Texas
County Of Sabine

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE FILED AND
DULY RECORDED IN THE COMMISSIONER COURT MINUTES OF SABINE
COUNTY, TEXAS.

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JANICE ADAMSON COUNTY CLERK
BY Louise Clail
Deputy

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